

BRITISH SCORE TOUCHDOWN AT ZEEBRUGGE

He used to be a sporty chap.
Of study shepherd plaid his garments;
Now, in O.D. he haunts a trench—
His sport is chasing vermin.

We used to see a diamond pin
Upon his cravatette reposing;
But now we glimpse a Croix de Guerre,
And think it more imposing.

STECHER AND LEWIS
WRESTLE TO DRAW

Much Human Meat Flung
Around on Madison
Square Mat

NO DECISION IN TWO HOURS

Caddock Wants Match With Winner,
But Doesn't Know Whom
to Challenge

(BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.)
NEW YORK, May 2.—Joe Stecher of Nebraska and Strangler Ed Lewis of Wisconsin met for their much advertised wrestling match at Madison Square Garden this week, and after two hours of savage work the match was declared a draw.

The contest was the nearest thing to a duel between tanks ever seen in this time city.

After the first six minutes of tugging, Lewis clamped a head hold on Stecher and brought him to the mat, but he failed to tear Stecher's head off and the latter wriggled out of the vise and tried a body scissors, which Lewis coyly avoided. After 20 minutes of tussling, Stecher got a scissors hold around the upper half of Lewis and locked it, but the Strangler managed to escape.

Stecher Avoids Bear Hug

The large tonnage of human meat continually flying through the air drove the crowd wild with artistic appreciation. The Strangler tried ardently for his famous neck-breaking hold, but Stecher declined the loving embrace and before the end of the first hour tenderly threw Lewis from the ring into the press box, whence the reporters returned him as matter unsuitable for publication.

Stecher got a second body scissors hold and the crowd whooped for a fall, but the Nebraskan was unable to oblige. Throughout the match Lewis got fewer headlines than his opponent.

After an hour and a half, Stecher secured a body scissors and half Nelson and seemed a victor, but Lewis stood the cruel punishment for 20 minutes and then wriggled free. He was visibly weak, but soon recovered his strength and attacked Stecher furiously. He got a wicked head lock and held like a vice. Stecher broke away. He was dizzy, but fought Lewis off and recovered. The men then wrestled to a draw.

Backers of Earl Caddock, present champion, asserted previous to the match that they were ready to offer \$50,000 for a match between Caddock and the winner. The draw nullifies the wrestling situation and adds to the doubt as to who is entitled to meet Caddock. A month ago Stecher and Zylszco wrestled to a draw.

SAME OLD STORY—
NO PLACE TO GO

Willard-Fulton Bout, Still
Homeless, May Be Held
in Oklahoma

(BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.)
NEW YORK, May 2.—The Jess Willard-Fred Fulton fight is still roaming about the country like an ownerless dog, but Col. Miller, the promoter, remains unfettered and cannot see anything smaller than a \$100,000 bid for the champion's end.

St. Paul promoters are trying to have the legislature, which is in session, change the existing law, so that they would be able to pull off the battle in the Twin Cities. The present law permits only ten round bouts, but it is discretionary with the boxing commission whether a decision is given or not. The promoters want the bill amended so that a 20 round contest can be held, but it is doubtful if the legislators will accede to their wishes.

Tom Andrews, well-known Milwaukee promoter, also is ready to stage the mill with his spacious horizon, but he stipulates that a certain percentage of the receipts must be given to some war charity, and this may prevent the bout going to the Cream City, as the two principals want all the money taken in at the gate. In Milwaukee only ten round non-decision bouts are permitted, and Col. Miller may refuse to hold the big match there.

According to many of the fight critics, it is figured that Oklahoma will get the big scrap, since it could be held out of doors there and this would result in a bigger "take." In Milwaukee no outdoor matches are permitted, but in Minnesota there are no restrictions on this point.

SUPPLY TRAINS BATTLE

Company D, — Division Supply Train and Company A, same Division Supply Train, celebrated the Glorious Nineteenth last by indulging in the national game on A's home grounds. The traditions of the Glorious Nineteenth of April were reversed, however, in that the visiting team won. The visiting team in the Lexington-Concord double-header, you may remember, went back to Boston — and without the pennant.

Company D, — D.S.T., did the trick by a score of 7 to 3. The manner of its fine, in sending in the score, ventures it modestly as his opinion that Company D, — D.S.T., has a pretty good team. And since he is gallant enough to pay graceful tribute to Company A's battery, and since he styles himself an "Old Subscriber," and "A still older newspaper man," and congratulates us on the appearance of the sheet, and signs himself "Fraternally yours," — voila! M. J. Gardner Minard, here's your space!

COLLINS TIES RECORD

(BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.)
NEW YORK, May 2.—Eddie Collins, captain and second baseman of the champion Chicago White Sox, tied the major league record, held by Sam Crawford of the Detroit Tigers, by playing in his 472d game without a miss.

HOW TO SEND SCORES

Box scores eat up space on your sporting page. We'd like to print them all—especially yours—and if we printed a dozen there wouldn't be any room left on the page for other A.E.F. games, not to mention live sport news from home. So please send us just the score by innings, with runs, hits, errors and statistics. If it's a big game, we can stand the box score—but it must be a big game. Send a short story with the summary in any case. And send all the games you can—that's what we're here for—only please send them to THE STARS AND STRIPES alone.

IT'S "DANGEREUX,"
BUT WHAT OF IT?

Despite Foul Tips, French
Fans Cling Close to
Catcher's Heels

EVEN UMP'S WIN APPLAUSE

Bonthead Play Excites as Much
Enthusiasm as Three
Bag Bingle

Are the French people baseball fans? On la la; any one who was out on the Bois de Boulogne last Sunday afternoon and saw the thousands of excited Parisians crowding around the two baseball diamonds would answer that question with an emphatic "Out."

The games were staged between the Med. Dept. Repair Ship No. 1 and the Searchlight Division on one diamond and the Red Cross drivers and the Y.M.C.A. nine on another. But the fans didn't know who was playing—or did they care. Whenever someone cracked out a bingle for three bags, a chorus of whatever is French of "Atta boy!" rose from the crowd. And whenever the short-stop made a boot and let the ball get through to left field, the fans like it just as well as if he'd made the assist. And the Paris games are the first in history where the umpire has a chance with the bleachers. The reason is that they don't know what or why or wherefore is the umpire. And the umpires, to date, aren't giving interviews to the Paris dailies explaining the duties of their positions.

One Thing They Aren't Up To
But these new friends of our national game must learn that the worst place to stand while watching a game is behind the catcher. In the games Sunday they were crowded within two feet of the plate and it was impossible to keep them back. "C'est dangereux!" an American would yell at them. "Ah, out," they agreed and moved back all of two inches.

Those games ran for only five innings and within that time there were several casualties. When a foul came screaming over their heads, the laughter when the catcher let a bad one pass and it tumbled a fan on the head, everybody came back for more. There are bound to be some serious injuries when the league opens if provisions are not made to keep the enthusiasts from acting as backstops. The Searchlight boys didn't have a chance with the Hill Rollers and when the fray was called at the end of the fourth frame the Medics led with a tally of 19 to 5. Hill was on the mound for the winners and the hits were as few as Huns in Paris, while Hill's bunters needed only 11 bingles to garner their 19 counters.

As a baseball game it wouldn't have gotten very many paragraphs on a home sporting page, but as entertainment for the strollers to Bois de Boulogne it was a world-beater and it takes no prophet to predict that the laughter and world series crowd on deck when the league opens next Sunday.

Sunday's results in the Paris League were as follows:
Searchlight 10, Med. Dept. 4.
Aviation Squadron 2, S.S.T. 609 1.
Red Cross 9, Y.M.C.A. 4.
Motor Mechanics 9, Marines 1.
Naval Aviation 21, Aviation Tech. 0.
Ordnance 7, Base Censor 1.
Motor Mechanics 9, Engineers 1.
Bosquet Barracks 8, Red Cross No. 3 6.
Military Police 15, Aviation 5.

GAME PUT ON ICE
IN LUCKY SEVENTH

Headquarters Company of
Engineers Scores Five
Runs in Big Session

Headquarters Company, — U. S. Engineers, defeated the Transportation team 11 to 5. It was a close and bitterly contested game until the seventh inning, when Headquarters Company forged ahead, due to the errors of the opposing infield, interspersed with timely hitting.

Coder, former Tri-State leaguer, made his debut, and always came through in a pinch. Centerfielder Ames of the Transportation Company, by running back and pulling down what looked like a sure home run, featured the game. Summary:
TRANSPORTATION, AB H PO A E
Abbott, 1b.....4 1 11 0 1
Dimond, 1b.....4 2 3 0 0
Rooney, 2b.....4 2 3 0 0
Logue, ss.....4 2 3 0 0
Perrain, 3b.....4 1 2 2 2
Williams, rf.....4 1 0 0 0
Ames, cf.....4 1 1 0 0
McEvoy, c.....3 0 1 0 0
Harris, p.....2 0 0 2 0
Total.....33 9 21 11 5

HEADQUARTERS, AB H PO A E
Destefano, ss.....5 0 2 2 1
Stoops, 1b.....2 0 2 0 0
Higgins, 2b.....4 1 2 0 0
W. Williams, 2b.....4 1 2 0 0
Gibson, 1b.....4 1 7 0 0
O. Williams, cf.....3 1 0 0 0
Miles, 3b.....4 1 1 4 0
Coder, p.....4 1 0 2 0
Total.....35 7 24 12 2
RHE
Transportation Co., 00021002—595
Headquarters Co., 0300033x—1172
Two base hits—Stoops, Coder.
Coder, 7, by Harris 1. Base on balls—Off Coder none, off Harris 4. Hit batsman—By Coder 1, by Harris 1. Passed balls—McEvoy 3, Holmes 1. Scored bases—Coder 2, McEvoy 3, Stoops 3, Williams 1, Miles 1, Rooney, Logue. Time—1 hour 40 minutes.

GIANTS UPSET DOPE
WITH NINE IN ROW

Phillies Also Spring Surprise by Break-Neck Pace at Start

RED SOX SHOWING UP WELL

Rain Has Already Wrecked Good Bit of American League Schedule

(BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.)
NEW YORK, May 2.—Although the baseball season is only two weeks old, there have already been many surprises in the major league pennant chase.

The New York Giants, figured as being out of the race because of the loss of Davey Robertson, in the outfield, and several other players caught in the draft, upset all the dope by winning the first nine games played.

Another surprise has been the excellent showing made by Pat Moran's Phillies. In the pre-season dope, they had been considered out of the running, the absence of Alexander and Killifer being considered enough to wreck the team's chances. But despite this, the Phillies managed to start off at a break-neck pace and are giving the Giants a merry chase for the lead.

The Chicago Cubs, mainly through the clever twirling of Grover Alexander, were able to stay in the early fight, but it is doubtful if Weegman's pets will be able to keep up the pace, now that Alexander has become a member of the National Army.

Matty's Reds Making Good
Matty's Cincinnati Reds have made good so far, and as it appears doubtful whether the Phillies and Cubs can keep up the present pace, the Porkopolis crew gives promise of being in the flag chase. Hugo Bezdek's Pirate bunch also has been playing consistent ball and it would not be surprising to see the former football star keep his men in the fight. The Cards and Braves have been a disappointment so far, while Brooklyn has fallen down badly.

In the American league, the showing of the Red Sox has caused much discussion. Although the team was badly wrecked when six of its star players were called in the draft, Owner Harry Frazee has succeeded in getting capable men to replace them, and it has been easy picking for the Beantown team to date. Cleveland has played consistent ball thus far, while the Yanks have fallen down.

Rain has been a big handicap to the Champion White Sox; they have been able to play only a few of their games booked. In the first four games played, the Sox managed to split even and this gives them a fairly good position in the race. Detroit and Washington have managed to split about even, but rain has kept the Tigers idle quite a bit. Fielder Jones, St. Louis Browns have shown little, but Connie Mack's crew is running true to form and again holds down the cellar position.

STAR SHELLS

SHIRTS
The shirts we bought a year ago
Contained a million pins.
Which served no other purpose than
To stick our dainty fins.
We'd buy a nifty purple shirt
And pack it home with joy.
Convinced that, should we put it on,
We'd shame Lord Fauntleroy.
But after we'd untied the thing,
Our mug would lose its grin,
While we would fight and always lose
The Battle of the Pins.

Then Fashion got a jolt from Mars
And shipped us this device:
The shirts our younger set shall wear
Must be of plain O.D.;
No more shall men between the years
Of twenty-one and thirty-
Y-one go down the boulevard
In purple-colored shirt.
So we obeyed the Dame's command,
And now at city we grin,
Because the shirts the Q.M. gives
Have not a single pin!

Grover Alexander has pitched and won his last big league game until after the war, and now is in the National Army. His mate, Killifer, expects soon to join Alex in camp. Yes, Carmen, it looks as though at last they're learning that now is the time for all good batteries to come to the aid of their country.

The recent British operation on the Zeebrugge mole, entirely successful as it was, seems to have been viewed with consternation by the Beauty parlors of Bocheland.

An advertiser in one of the Paris dailies announces that he will give a free safety razor for each home run knocked in the Paris League. You know me, Mr. Pitcher:

Ship us one about waist high:
Bang! It goes to Hades—
You can have the razor
And I shall take the blades!

EAVESDROPT ON THE METRO
Zezette: The *grande mépris* must have become mechanics in it.
Paulette: Pourquoi, ma petite?
Zezette: Because the General Pershing sent so many to the Toul sector.

The opening of the Paris Baseball League next Sunday at the Bois de Boulogne and at Colombes might be called: Writing a footnote to history's sporting page.

ALEXANDER IN ARMY
(BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.)
NEW YORK, May 2.—Grover Cleveland Alexander, star hurler of the Chicago Cubs, who went to the Windy City club in a big trade this winter, pitched his farewell game for Owner Weegman's crew on Saturday before leaving for Camp Funston, he having been called in the draft.

The loss of Alexander will be severely felt by the Cubs, who had figured on him keeping the team in the pennant race. In his last game Alexander held the Cardinals to two scratch hits and won the game handily.

This will be Johnny Evers' 17th year in baseball.
Eans Wagner's batting average for 2,785 games was .229.
Howard Camp is the latest of the Yankee players to be drafted.

COME AND GET 'EM

"Outside of being a well drilled company," writes in a member of Company M, Infantry, A.E.F., "we have a baseball nine that is yet to meet its victors. We are willing to challenge all comers, and can assure all companies of a good game."

"Here it is, there it is; take it as it is," Company M, — Infantry, would seem to be issuing a challenge through this here Spectrum of Sport. Takers will fall in on the left of the line at four inch intervals, dressing on M Company, hats at the right shoulder, and gloves properly adjusted.

CANADIANS BLANKED
BY U. S. NAVAL AIRMEN

International Event Goes
to Yanks by Score
of 16 to 0

Yanks and Canadians are going to meet on the diamond in London on May 18 and have it out, but Yanks and Canadians have already met and had it out at a certain U. S. Naval Air Station, where the score was 16 to 0. No Adolph, not 16 to one—16 to nothing! The Canadians did not win. Here are the statistics:

| NAVAL AIR STN. | AB | H | PO | A | E |
|-------------------------|----|---|----|---|---|
| Leiblich, 2b..... | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Schmidt, C. F., 1b..... | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kucinski, rf..... | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Stone, cf..... | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Vassar, 3b..... | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Jaycox, 1b..... | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Taylor, ss..... | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Steidl, c..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Hutchinson, p..... | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 |

| CAN. FORESTRY | AB | H | PO | A | E |
|-------------------|----|---|----|---|---|
| North, ss..... | 4 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 0 |
| Adams, 3b..... | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Burton, 1b..... | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Lowell, 2b..... | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Landry, 1b..... | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Williams, 3b..... | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| O'Connor, p..... | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Grundy, p..... | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Total.....28 1 27 2 3
Naval Air Station.....04017100—16
Can. Forestry Camp.....00000001—1
Two base hits—Schmidt, O. F. 2, Stone, Jaycox, Hutchinson. Base on balls by Hutchinson 2, O'Connor 3, Grundy 1. Struck outs—Hutchinson 20, O'Connor 1, Grundy 2. Hit by pitcher—By Hutchinson 3, Hutchinson 1. Umpire—Hutchinson. Time—2 hours 10 minutes. Attendance—500.

COLLEGE SPORT NOTES

Jess Brunkett, former big league star, is baseball coach at Holy Cross.
Martin Slickdon, former crack weight thrower, died at New York of pneumonia.
Sherman Landers, star University of Pennsylvania runner, is quite ill and will not be in shape for the relay races.
Harold Pogue, one of the best football players of the Middle West, has quit the University of Illinois, having enlisted in the hollow education service.
Bob Markley has been chosen captain of the Purdue basketball five. Pat Perrin, captain of the basketball team, has left college to enlist in the Army.
Red Jackson, sub guard on the Chicago University football eleven last fall, although under age, has enlisted.
Wilbur Hightower, catcher and star on last year's Northwestern University football team, has enlisted.

Kid Wolle was given the decision over Danny French of Baltimore in 15 rounds. Otto Wallace stopped Jimmy Reagan in 11 rounds at Fort Worth.
The proposed boxing measure in Kentucky was voted down 43 to 42 in the lower house.

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285 OUT OF 300
SCORED BY SERGEANT

Premier Rifleman of Regiment Gets Fine Mark Despite Shower

285 out of 300.
Such is the rifle score of Sergeant Andrew J. Waksomski of Company M, Infantry, A.E.F., making him premier rifleman of his regiment. It's a mighty good score, particularly in view of the fact that it was made in what is admittedly a poor excuse for a target range, described as being "Somewhere in Madville." Furthermore, toward the end of his firing the rain came down in a good stiff drizzle. But that didn't bother the sergeant at all; he romped in just the same with his 95 per cent perfect mark.

Here is his score by ranges:
SLOW FIRE. Score. Yards. Score. Yards. Score. Yards.
300.....49 200.....49
500.....48 300.....47
600.....47 500.....45

Total.....144 Total.....141
Total score.....285
Besides Sgt. Waksomski there were quite a number of men in Company M, who made the "expert's" score. Among them are: Sgts. D. McClure, M. Rosenbaum, S. Smith, M. Stonecipher; Corpis. L. Abend, H. Bray, P. Dandridge, V. Morin, J. Sandlin, Pvt. J. Killduff.

DIAMOND FLASHES

Ray Keating, former New York Yank twirler, is with the St. Paul club.
John Beall, veteran outfielder, has again signed with the Milwaukee Brewers.
Urbain Shocker, traded to the Browns by the Yanks, has been called in the draft.
The Chicago Cubs and White Sox appear to have the two best backstops in the game in Killifer and Schalk.

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